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**MAYOR EMANUEL INTRODUCES ROUTINE WATER AND WASTEWATER BONDS TO FUND  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

*Bonds are Issued Every Other Year and are Only Repaid from Water and Sewer Revenues*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today introduced two ordinances authorizing the issuance of 2014 Water Revenue Project and Refunding Bonds and 2014 Wastewater Revenue Project and Refunding Bonds. These routine bonds are issued every other year to fund capital improvements to the sewer system and water system, as well as extensions of the water system.

“Over the past few years, we’ve made significant progress upgrading and improving our aging water infrastructure to protect the water from Lake Michigan, which is our most precious natural resource,” said Mayor Emanuel. “These bonds will continue to help the City maintain and improve our water and sewer systems, some of which date back more than 100 years.”

The Water Revenue Bonds will not exceed \$475 million in new money for projects and represents two years of capital funding. An additional \$100 million will be authorized to refund previously issued Water Revenue Bonds for savings, if available.

Water bonds can be used for various improvements to and extensions of the water system, including enhancement to the purification plants; installing new and replacing old grid mains; installing and replacing meters; and upgrading various pumping stations.

The Wastewater Revenue Bonds will not exceed \$325 million in new money for projects and also represents two years of capital funding. An additional amount of \$100 million will be authorized to refund previously issued Wastewater Revenue Bonds, which will provide debt service savings for the Sewer Fund.

Wastewater bonds can be used for various improvements to the sewer system, including flood abatement; reconstructing, lining and rehabilitation of the sewers; and sewer replacement and auxiliary outlet sewers. The bonds will be paid from Water System and Sewer System revenues. The bonds issued under this ordinance will be limited obligations of the City secured by and payable only from revenues of the Water System and Sewer System, respectively, and do not constitute an indebtedness or loan of credit of the City or a charge against its general credit or taxing powers.

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